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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Contract Research & Development (M) Sdn. Bhd. and David John Tadgell
Serial No.: Not yet assigned
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For: USE OF VEGETATIVE MATERIAL AS A FILLER IN COMPOSITE
MATERIALS
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to Examination on the merits, to conform the specification with U.S. practice:

In the Specification

On page 1, before the first paragraph, please add the subheading:

-- Field of the Invention--.

On page 1, after the subheading "Field of the Invention," please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of application no. PCT/AU00/00018, filed on January 17, 2000 which claims priority to AU PP 8198 filed January 18, 1999, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--.

On page 1, line 17, please add the subheading:

--Background of the Invention--.